



Office of the National Ombudsman

Regulatory Fairness Forum for Small Business

Wednesday, January 17, 2007
Nashville, TN

Forum sponsored by the Nashville Area Chamber of Commerce Offers
Small Business Owners Opportunity to Address
Excessive or Unfair Federal Regulatory Enforcements Issues

WHO:	SBA National Ombudsman Nicholas N. Owens , the Regional Regulatory Fairness Board for Region IV and representatives of Federal regulatory agencies will hear concerns, comments and complaints about Federal regulatory enforcement and compliance. Small business owners, representatives of community organizations and trade associations, and community and business leaders are invited to testify about compliance and enforcement of regulations by Federal agencies. There is no cost for participating in this event.
WHAT:	To create a more cooperative regulatory environment among Federal agencies and small businesses, Congress has directed the SBA and the National Ombudsman to hold Regulatory Fairness hearings. Concerns and complaints aired at this forum will be directed to the appropriate Federal regulatory agency. Testimonies gathered at these hearings are also reported to Congress.
WHEN:	Wednesday, January 17, 2007 9:45 am – Noon
WHERE:	BellSouth Building Economic Development Theatre 333 Commerce Street Nashville, TN 37201

Anyone desiring confidentiality may request that his or her name not be released and may submit written testimony in lieu of a public appearance at the hearing.

Any small business concerned about excessive enforcement of Federal regulations can contact their local SBA district office or the National Ombudsman at 888-REG-FAIR (888-734-3247) or go to the National Ombudsman Web site at www.sba.gov/ombudsman. **For more information on the January 17, 2007 Regulatory Fairness Hearing, contact Jose Mendez at 202-205-6178, or Jose.mendez@sba.gov**